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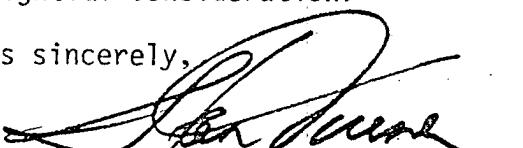
Dear Dr. Tarson,

Thank you so much for inviting me to be commencement speaker at National University's Summer Graduation Exercises next July. I am also honored that the Board of Trustees has seen fit to bestow an honorary degree on me.

Normally, I would accept an honor of this sort without a moment's hesitation. However, I hesitate to commit myself so far in advance since the uncertainties of scheduling conflicts could prevent my attending. I realize, of course, your need to firm up the program as soon as possible. With this in mind, might I delay giving you a definite answer until next spring?

If this is acceptable, my staff will be in touch with your office in early spring. Again, many thanks for your most thoughtful consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Admiral Turner:

This letter will officially confirm the invitation to be our commencement speaker which was tendered to you by Denis Ivan Jana during your recent visit to San Diego.

The Summer 1979 Graduation Exercises will be held on Sunday, July 22, 1979. In recognition of your many years of exemplary accomplishments as an outstanding governmental leader, the Board of Trustees has unanimously approved the award of the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree to you. Some past commencement speakers have included Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, Art Linkletter, Baja California Governor Roberto de la Madrid, Johnny Cash, and California State Senator James Mills.

We are looking forward to hearing your commencement address.

Warm regards,


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